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Recruitment to higher offices in the Police Department.

277 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HYE SAHIB: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government intend to recruit direct a number of Deputy Superintendents of Police and Circle Inspectors?

A.—There is no proposal to alter the existing methods of recruitment.

Punitive Police, Koilkuntla and Siruvel.

278 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. VENKATARANGA REDDI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any orders have been passed on the proposals submitted to Government for the imposition of punitive police in the Koilkuntla and Siruvel taluks of the Kurnool district; and

(b) if so, what orders have been issued?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government have sanctioned the appointment of an Inspector and two Sub-Inspectors of Police to investigate the traffic in bombs which is a disquieting feature of the districts of Kurnool and Cuddapah. They have also instructed the District Magistrates to warn the inhabitants of the districts of their responsibilities in the way of co-operating with the Government in putting down such crime and to make it clear to them that the alternative may have to be the imposition of punitive police.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—“May I know, Sir, that in any orders that may be issued, the police officers also will be asked to be more careful hereafter and to see that offences are carefully detected?”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—“It is part of their statutory and normal duties.”

Police sub-inspectorate.

279 Q.—Mr. K. SARABHA REDDI: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many candidates from the Kurnool district applied for selection last time for Police Sub-Inspector's training;

(b) whether timely intimation was given to candidates to appear before the board of selection; and

(c) if so, how many were selected?

A.—The Government have no information.

Public Works.

Retirement of certain Assistant Engineers.

280 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased

(i) to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that about a dozen Assistant Engineers (Provincial grade) have been ordered to take leave and to retire though they have neither attained fifty-five years of age nor completed thirty years of service;

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- (b) the actual number of Assistant Engineers so dealt with and their names ;
 (c) whether their places have been filled up or abolished ;
 (d) if those places have not been abolished, to state the reasons for the step taken ; and
 (ii) to lay on the table the papers relating to their compulsory retirement ?

A.—(i) (a) It is not a fact that Assistant Engineers were ordered to take leave and to retire. As a measure of retrenchment the cadre of the Madras Engineering Service was reduced from 106 to 75. Notice of discharge was given to officers who completed the qualifying service to be retired on compensation pension to the extent there was excess in the service.

(b) List is appended.*

(c) & (d) The appointments were abolished.

(ii) The matter is pending with the Government of India.

Discharge of permanent Lower Subordinates in the Public Works Department.

281 Q.—Mr. P. PEDDIRAJU : Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Minister for Education and Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the method of discharging permanent Lower Subordinates in the late 2nd circle ; and

(b) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the Chief Engineer's Memorandum No. 6568-C, dated 18th September 1923 ?

A.—(a) & (b) The answer to (a) and (b) is in the affirmative.

Compulsory retirement of certain members in the Provincial Engineering Service.

282 Q.—Mr. ABBAS ALI KHAN : Will the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Minister for Education and Public Works be pleased to state—

(1) whether a Government Order was passed last year providing for the compulsory retirement of members of the Provincial Engineering Service who had put in 25 years' service ;

(2) whether any exceptions were made to this rule ;

(3) if so, how many Brahmans and how many non-Brahmans were so excepted ; and

(4) whether it is a fact that the only Indian Christian who came under these rules was compulsorily retired ?

A.—(1) A Government Order was passed reducing the cadre of the Madras Engineering Service from 106 to 75 and in order to bring down the then existing strength of 95 to the sanctioned number the surplus officers were selected for discharge on pension under article 426, Civil Service Regulations, from among those who had completed twenty-five years' service for pension.

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